

Honey Bee Swarm Removal Service in Knox and Lincoln Counties

Knox-Lincoln County Beekeepers can help you if you have honeybees that have swarmed or if you have a swarm that landed on your property. We have a list of KLCB beekeepers who can remove a swarm or help you hive it. We only ask that you **identify your insects »** before calling.

PLEASE CALL MATT STURTEVANT OR JULIA SIMPSON AT
(207) 380-6392 OR (207) 837-9771

Please do not call if you have already called somebody else about this (we are delighted to be able to offer this service to help the public, but don't want to be tripping over anybody else).



Swarm of Honey Bees

Please be completely certain that you have Honeybees before calling

Here are some resources to help you verify what you have:

- 🔍 [Google Images of honey bee swarms »](#)
- 🔍 [Identify Your Insects »](#)
- 🔍 [Flickr slideshow of honey bee swarms »](#)
- 🔍 [Short movie of honey bee swarm »](#)

As part of their natural reproductive cycle, honeybees will swarm. A swarm is when a queen and a good portion of the worker population of bees leave the hive to find a new home. While a honeybee swarm is relatively harmless, it can be a frightening sight to people. Swarms should not be sprayed with water or disturbed in any other way. It is best to clear the area until the beekeeper arrives to make the removal.

Our beekeepers can also offer guidance on extractions from homes, buildings, and other structures – that is a generally a service where a homeowner will need to engage a professional with carpentry skills for a fee (we can't always do it but can often help you locate the right person).

Our member beekeepers act privately, as a service to the public, and are not endorsed by the KLCB.

The State of Maine also maintains a list of individual who are willing to capture swarms. It can be found on the [Maine State Apiary Program website](#). In addition, the Maine State Beekeepers also have a list of individuals for swarm catching. They may be found on the MSBA website <http://mainebeekeepers.org/beekeeping-resources/honey-bee-swarm-removal/>

Please note that exterminators usually will not kill honeybees and often refer homeowners to find a beekeeper. Conversely, beekeepers are not exterminators and will not remove other insects. Please make sure they are honeybees and thank you for your interest in helping this important pollinator.